

This concerns RM-10784. I am W4NI. I ask the Commission to approve retention of a CW requirement for Extra class radio amateurs. This added capability is useful in emergency service, especially under poor propagation conditions. CW makes a more dedicated operator, as well, since it requires further dedication to duty due to the increased training required. The deletion of an Extra class CW requirement is only further indication of continued 'dumbing-down' in American society.